Chard Town Council
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Mayor: Cllr Jason Baker Town Clerk: Paul Russell

CHARD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Chard Town Council meeting held in the Guildhall Auditorium, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP on Wednesday 15th December 2021 commencing at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Baker (Mayor), Cllr Carnell (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Bates, Cllr Brown, Cllr Bulmer, Cllr Eggins, Cllr Kenton, Cllr Mrs Kenton, Cllr Morrison, Cllr Shortland, Cllr Williams and Cllr Mrs. Wootton.

ALSO PRESENT: Paul Russell, Town Clerk and one member of the public.

7.00pm **Chaplain's 'Thought for the Day' –** Apologies had been received from Rev Vye.

Public Participation Time
One member of the public was present and addressed the Council on the Chard Regeneration project.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- Attended the school concerts the previous week, which were well attended and enjoyed by everyone;
- Received a request to set up a vaccination centre in Chard from the three GP surgeries (Agenda Item 2021/83);
- A request for support to set up a children's book scheme had been received and would be discussed by Council in the New Year.

2021/80 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Mrs O'Brien (illness), Cllr Mrs Orchard (work) and Young (Dispensation)

2021/81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
There were no Declarations of Interest made.

2021/82 TO RESOLVE TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
Proposed: Cllr Bates Seconded: Cllr Carnell
Unanimous

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed under agenda item 2021/84, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in

maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2021/83 EMERGENCY ITEM

Proposed: Cllr Baker Seconded: Cllr Bulmer
Unanimous

RESOLVED to ratify the decision of the Town Clerk to make the Guildhall Auditorium available for use as a Covid Vaccination station from Friday 17th December 2021 to Monday 31st January 2022 inclusive with an option to extend this period if required.

It was noted that the CCG would discuss paying expenses to cover the cost of electricity and cleaning.

2021/84 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

As certain items to be discussed included the consideration of exempt information it was **RESOLVED** under Item 2021/82 that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

(a) **Potential Purchase of Land –** Council considered the report presented regarding the potential purchase of the Laurels Resource Centre, Wilkins Close, Chard. Councillors made representations both for and against the purchase of the property.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Kenton Seconded: Cllr Carnell

For: 6
Against: 4
Abstention: 1

RESOLVED that Council would not pursue the purchase of the Laurels Resource Centre, Wilkins Close, Chard.

There being no other business the Mayor thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

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MAYOR: **DATE:**